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Applicant:

Don Whitehead et al.

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MAN MACHINE INTERFACE FOR POWER MANAGEMENT CONTROL

Examiner:

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Docket No.:

41PR-7349 (96-1165-A)

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a) IN LIEU OF INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present application includes eleven inventors, one of whom is unresponsive.

Applicant's attorneys have on several occasions emailed Inventor Surampudi Subbalakshmi with regard to the revised Declaration. According to a January 19, 2004 email from the inventor, Mr. Subbalakshmi refused to return a signed facsimile due to cost concerns. Applicant's attorney then sent several follow-up emails to Inventor Subbalakshmi, requesting he either mail or scan/email his executed Declaration. Mr. Subbalakshmi failed to respond to any of the emails. Applicant's attorneys then sent the Declaration to Surampudi Subbalakshmi via Federal Express on March 9, 2004. Included in the Federal Express package was a pre-paid return address label and Federal Express mailer. The Federal Express mailing was signed as received from "ASOKA" on March 12, 2004. But we received no response from the recipient. Nor did inventor Subbalakshmi respond to a follow-up email in which Applicant's attorney again requested inventor Subbalakshmi use the pre-paid package to return an executed Declaration. Therefore, Applicant's Attorneys respectfully submit that all evidence points to Inventor Surampudi

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Subbalakshmi's refusal to sign the necessary Declaration.

As evidence of the diligent efforts made to obtain an executed Declaration from Surampudi Subbalakshmi, attached to this petition is a Declaration of Applicant's Attorney David Arnold.

Additionally, attached hereto are copies of the declarations executed by the ten inventors who returned signed copies of the declaration with the signature blocks left blank to indicate that these inventors have signed on behalf of the unavailable inventors in accordance with MPEP 409.03(a).

This petition is also accompanied by a Fee Transmittal indicating the inclusion of a \$130.00 fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). However, in the event the Commissioner of Patents deems that any additional fee is required in connection with this application, Applicants' attorneys authorize that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130. Please direct any inquiries to the undersigned.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a), a petition for extension of time for two months from January 21, 2004 to March 22, 2004 and the requisite fee is included. The Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time that is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-identified Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,
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Applicant's Attorneys

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DECLARATION OF DAVID ARNOLD, Esq.

I, David Arnold, on oath, depose and state of my own personal knowledge the following:

- I am currently employed as an attorney with the law firm of Cantor
 Colburn LLP, 55 Griffin Road South, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002.
- 2. On January 5, 2004, I sent an email, through my assistant Marianne Carello, to all formerly signing inventors of the subject application with a request to sign, date, and return a newly executed declaration relating to the subject application. The email requested that an executed declaration be sent to me via facsimile, and that the original be sent to me via mail.
 - 3. To date, all but one inventor has provided a newly executed declaration.
- 4. Of the eleven inventors, only inventor Surampudi Subbalakshmi has not provided a newly executed declaration to date.
- 5. On January 13, 2004, I sent a follow up email to Mr. Subbalakshmi with a reminder of the requested newly executed declaration.

- 6. On January 19, 2004, I received an email from Mr. Subbalakshmi indicating that a facsimile of the newly executed declaration would not be sent from India due to cost concerns, but that a newly executed declaration would be sent in the mail.
- 7. On February 5, 2004, I sent a follow up email to Mr. Subbalakshmi with another reminder requesting the newly executed declaration.
- 8. On February 5, 2004, I sent a second follow up email to Mr. Subbalakshmi with a suggestion to scan a signed version of the newly executed declaration and to email me an electronic file of the same.
- 9. On February 20, 2004, I sent two follow up emails to Mr. Subbalakshmi with a reminder of the requested newly executed declaration.
- 10. On February 20, 2004, I received an autoreply email from Mr. Subbalakshmi indicating that he would not be available in the office the week of February 16-20.
- 11. On February 25, 2004, I sent a follow up email to Mr. Subbalakshmi with a reminder of the requested newly executed declaration.
- 12. On March 9, 2004, I sent a package via Federal Express to Mr. Subbalakshmi including an unexecuted declaration with power of attorney for signature, a return Federal Express pack, and a set of pre-paid Federal Express Return labels, and requested that the newly executed declaration be sent to me via the pre-paid Federal Express pack.
- 13. On March 12, 2004, my assistant Marianne Carello received an email from Federal Express indicating that the package addressed to Mr. Subbalakshmi had been delivered on March 12, 2004, and had been signed for by "ASHOKA".

- 14. On March 17, 2004, I sent an email to Mr. Subbalakshmi indicating my knowledge of the Federal Express package having been received, and again requested that the newly executed declaration be sent to me via the pre-paid Federal Express pack.
- 15. Using the methods described in paragraphs 2-14 above, I have not been able to obtain a newly executed declaration from Mr. Subbalakshmi.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge and are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Date: 3/22/2004

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David Arnold, Esq.

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	Application Number	09/431,737	
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27	Examiner Name	Thomas K. Pham	
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) \$130.0	Attorney Docket No.	41PR-7349 (96-1165-A)	

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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I hereby certify that this <u>Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(A)</u> in <u>Lieu of Inventor's Signature (2 pages)</u>, <u>Declaration of David Arnold, Esq. (3 pages)</u>, <u>Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (40 pages)</u>, <u>Fee Transmittal (1 page)</u>, <u>Petition for Extension of Time (1 page)</u>, <u>Check for \$130.00 for Petition Fee, Check for \$420.00 for Extension of Time Fee, Return Postcard is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on <u>March 22, 2004</u></u>

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